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Maine's SAT and MHSA Science Program - Insights and Resources

The Maine Department of Education, in conjunction with the College Board, has recently created five audio-visual webinar presentations (and accompanying PowerPoints) designed to clarify and enhance the SAT and MHSA experience for all students, guidance counselors, administrators and teachers of Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science.

The Department encourages high school faculty and administrators to view and share these presentations -and the discipline- specific content information contained within each presentation- with their respective departments and students. One of the webinar presentations has been made specifically for students and we would ask that you make this resource known to the high school students with whom you have contact.

The goals of these presentations are to: increase understanding of the structure and design of the SAT and MHSA Science Tests, clarify and explain the cut scores needed for “proficiency” as defined by the state’s assessment policy and to make transparent all parts of the scoring process - thereby lessening student anxiety and confusion. Additionally, several free, high-quality academic resources for students and teachers will be reviewed. Teachers and administrators will also be able to view new local achievement data made available only within the past few months.

For counselors and assessment coordinators, the annual MHSA administration webinar has been updated and posted on-line as well.

Below is a list of the presentations, the URLs for both the audio-visual webinar and the PowerPoint used within that webinar, as well as the intended audience and approximate running time of each webinar. Please share this e-mail liberally.

1. For 3rd year high school students (35 minutes):

[2010 SAT Student Edition Workshop PowerPoint](#) - PPT

[2010 SAT Student Edition Workshop Web Conference](#) *- Audio/video recording of the web conference hosted on March 4, 2010.

2. For guidance counselors and assessment personnel (45 minutes):

[2010 MHSA Test Administration Workshop PowerPoint](#) - PPT

[2010 MHSA Test Administration Workshop Web Conference](#) *- Audio/video recording of the web conference hosted on February 25, 2010.

3. For teachers of high school English (45 minutes):

[2010 MHSA ELA Workshop PowerPoint](#) - PPT

[2010 MHSA ELA Workshop Web Conference](#) *- Audio/video recording of the web conference hosted on February 24, 2010.

4. For teachers of high school Mathematics (40 minutes):

[2010 MHSA Mathematics Workshop PowerPoint](#) - PPT

[2010 MHSA Mathematics Workshop Web Conference](#) *- Audio/video recording of the web conference hosted on February 23, 2010.

5. For teachers of high school Science (55 minutes):

[2010 MHSA Science Workshop PowerPoint](#) – PPT

[2010 MHSA Science Workshop Web Conference](#) *- Audio/video recording of the web conference hosted on February 25, 2010.